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SUBJECT: MBFR: FRENCH DATA ISSUE

1. IN THE COURSE OF TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF INTENSIVE DISCUSSION,
INVOLVING DE LABOULAYE, VN WELL, AND DAVIGNON, THE FRENCH
MADE CLEAR THAT WHILE THEY COULD ACCEPT THE DRAFT GUIDANCE
ON WESTERN DATA AND ON RED DATE, THEY COULD NOT REMAIN SILENT
ON THE EXPLANATORY TALKING POINTS WHICH BELGIAN PERMREP
SCHUURMANS HAD LEFT WITH FRENCH PERMREP TINEX.

2. DE LABOULAYE ASKED BELGIUM AND THE FRG TO WITHDRAW
THE TALKING POINTS SO THAT FRANCE WOULD NO LONGER BE OFFICIALLY
COGNIZANT OF THEM. IN THEIR PLACE, DE LABOULAYE, VAN WELL, AND
DAVIGNON WITH MY CONCURRENCE WORKED OUT THE FOLLOWING BRIEF POINTS
WHICH BELGIUM WOULD INTRODUCE AT SPEC MEETING:

BEGIN TEXT:

I. ANSWER TO THE EAST.

IN ANSWER TO POSSIBLE QUESTIONS OF THE EAST CONCERNING THE
COMPOSITION OF THE FIGURES TRANSMITTED, IT WILL BE

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CONFIRMED THAT THEY ONLY CONSIST OF FORCES BELONGING TO COUNTRIES

PARTICIPATING IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

II. COMMENTARY FOR THE AD HOC GROUP.

THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT MODIFIED THEIR POSITION ON THE COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING. ON THIS POINT A DISAGREEMENT SUBSISTS WITH THE FRENCH DELEGATION.

THE TRANSMISSION OF THE DATA DOES NOT MODIFY THE EXISTING SITUATION. END TEXT

2. DE LABOULAYE HAS SUBMITTED THIS TEXT TO PARIS WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR ITS ACCEPTANCE. IF THE FRENCH ANSWER IS POSITIVE, WE WILL CONCUR IN ITS SUBMISSION TO SPC. THE SECRETARY APPROVES. THIS IS STRICTLY FOR YOUR INFORMATION, AND YOU SHOULD NOT DISCUSS IT WITH OTHERS AT THIS TIME.

3. ALL ADDRESSEES WILL APPRECIATE THAT BOTH FRANCE AND THE FRG HAVE MADE A CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO GET THE MATTER RESOLVED, ALTHOUGH THE BASIC DIFFERENCE REMAINS, AS WE ASSUMED IT WOULD KISSINGER

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